

**Subject:** Re: Incident at 215 W. 7th Street  
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**Date:** 09/21/2016 06:37 AM  
**To:** "Blair Besten" <blair@historiccore.bid>

Ms. Besten,

First of all, I want to apologize for the gender mistake on my previous email. I should have done some better research.....

Regarding the incident, I was under the impression that the people with you videotaped the incident and possibly the actions of my officers. In totality, the concerns you noted are more than sufficient to address the incident with my officers. Again, I assure you that my officers will be dealt with accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Keith Bertonneau

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>>> Blair Besten <blair@historiccore.bid> 9/20/2016 4:31 PM >>>  
Dear Lieutenant Bertonneau,

My officers that were present saw random people on the street video taping. It's doubtful we will ever see them again. I can look through social media on the DTLA group pages -- if any one of them was a resident they no doubt posted it.

All I can offer you is the testimony of my board member who was a witness, and my two officers, one of whom is one of my supervisors. In the past (and rare occasion something like this happened) that was usually sufficient. Any or all would be willing to speak with you--for the officers, it was incredibly humiliating. They have both been with me for years and truly look up to these folks on patrol and foot beats.

Thank you,

Blair Besten

On Tuesday, September 20, 2016, Keith Bertonneau <[27664@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:27664@lapd.lacity.org)> wrote:

Mr Besten,

My name is Lieutenant Keith Bertonneau and I am the Officer-In-Charge of Central Area's Resource Enhancement Services Enforcement Team (RESET). You witnessed the below incident which involved two officers assigned to my unit. I was asked by both Captain Leslie and Captain Graham to look into the matter. Your email mentioned that the incident was video taped by several people. If it is not too much trouble, could you please have those individuals forward me the footage?

I personally would like to apologize for my officer's actions (or lack thereof). I assure you that this incident will be looked into and appropriate action will take place to ensure that similar behavior by my officer's will NOT occur again.

Respectfully,

Keith Bertonneau

We had a pretty embarrassing situation about 09:45 this morning in front of 215 W 7th Street.

Two females were fighting in the middle of the street with belongings strewn all over the place. Two of my BID officers arrived to separate the ladies. About this time a patrol car rolled up and parked. LAPD Officers Clark (AA/6' tall) and Hall (C/6'5") remained in the vehicle #81455 and laughed rather than getting out and addressing the situation while my officers repeatedly made attempts to diffuse the situation. The women were clearly in the middle of the street, creating a dangerous situation. Multiple people including one of my board members witnessed this situation, several video taped it.

I thought you might want to know.

Thanks

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